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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 2004, Applicant has been requested to elect a species for the solvent and for the acrylonitrile scavenger in Claims 1-97. Responsive to the Request, Applicant hereby elects as the solvent an "aqueous basic solvent" and as the acrylonitrile scavenger "a sterically-hindered primary aliphatic amine". Pending Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 2-23; 25-65 and 67-95.